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Rose Santos FOIA Group, Inc. P.O. Box 368 Depew, New York 14043

Reference: Freedom of Information Act Request Number EPA-HQ-2013-007855

Dear Ms. Santos:

This letter is in response to your electronic (e-mail) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated July 2, 2013, and is prepared in accordance with the FOIA. You requested a copy of all task orders, work assignments issued under Contracts EP-W-09-032 and EP-W-09-033 for years 2009 through 2013.

Your request for a copy of the contract work assignments including all work assignment amendments issued under the above-mentioned contracts is denied. The withheld work assignments and their amendments are denied pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) (7) (a) and (e). The information requested, if disclosed, could interfere with enforcement proceedings [Exemption 7(a)]. It would reveal techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecution or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations [Exemption 7(e)].

Contract EP-W-09-032	ETS 0-1(CE) through ETS 0-10 (CE), ETS 0-11 (R2), ETS 0-12 (CE),
	ETS 0-13 (R9), ETS 0-14 (R9), ETS 0-15 (OC), ETS 0-16 (OC),
	ETS 0-17 (CE), ETS 0-18 (CE), ETS 0-19 (R2), ETS 0-20 (OF),
	SAIC-1-1(CE) through SAIC-1-4(CE), SAIC-1-5(OC), SAIC-1-
	6 (CE) through SAIC-1-8 (CE), SAIC-19 (R9), SAIC-1-10 (OF),
	SAIC-1-11 (R2), SAIC-12 (R2), SAIC-1-13 (R9), SAIC-1-14 (CE),
	SAIC-1-15 (R9), and SAIC-1-16 (R9)

Contract EP-W-09-033	ETS 0-1 (CE) through ETS 0-8 (CE), ETS 0-9 (OC), ETS 0-10 (CE),
	ETS 0-11 (CE), and ERG 1-1 (CE) through ERG 1-9 (CE)

You may appeal this denial of your request to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, (2822T), Washington, D.C. 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), FAX: (202) 566-2147, e-mail: hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal must identify the reason for your appeal, inclusive of the assigned FOIA request number. To expedite the appeal process, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Pursuant to the EPA's FOIA regulations (Title 40 CFR 2.100, et. seq.) the Agency's fees for processing requests are as follows: (1) clerical staff time billed at \$4.00 per 15 minutes of search and/or review; (2) professional staff time billed at \$7.00 per 15 minutes of search and/or review; (3) manager's time billed at \$10.25 per 15 minutes of search and/or review; (4) no fee will be charged for services at or below \$14.00; (5) assurance of payment of fees above \$25.00 will be obtained from the requester before commencing any work; (6) advance payment of fees above \$250.00 may be required by the EPA before commencing any work and (7) \$.15 per page is required for reproduction of the records requested.

The "Bill for Collection" requesting payment should be downloaded from FOIAonline in the amount of \$518.00. Please return the top portion of the form with your check or money order, payable to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and forward your remittance to the address listed.

In a continued effort to streamline the FOIA process, EPA offers the option to pay your FOIA bill on-line. There is no requirement for you to use the on-line system to pay your bill, but if you choose to do so, please go to www.pay.gov and follow the simple instructions. Please enter your FOIA request number to ensure proper payment.

Should there be any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact Mildred A. Jackson, of my staff, at (202) 564-4359 or via e-mail <u>jackson.mildred@epa.gov</u> and reference for identification purposes **EPA-HQ-2013-007855.**

Sincere!

Thomas W. Dussault, Director

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